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Route 5 Ramsey



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Route 5 description

Degree of difficulty: Easy.

Ramsey is a pleasant town with a busy shopping centre and an active harbour. The route takes in the quiet, flat country roads of Ayre. This Northern Plain provides a refreshing contrast to the rest of the Island, offering rural tranquillity set against a backdrop of the Manx hills. Except for Ramsey town, the roads are generally quiet.

Total distance: 16 miles, 26 kilometres.

Major climbs/descents: None

Sites of interest:

Ramsey Railway Visitor Centre, Ramsey Pier (closed), The Grove Rural Life Museum, Point of Ayre, The Ayres Visitor Centre, Knock-e-Doonee Boat Burial, Andreas Crosses, Ballachurry Civil War Fort.

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Emerging from **Ramsey MER Station**, cross over **Albert Street** and turn into **Peel Street**. Take the first right opposite the **Police Station**, into **Market Hill**. This short road leads directly into **Market Place**. Turn left and left again onto **West Quay**. Follow the quayside and shortly turn right over **the swing bridge**. Bear right and then left along **Mooragh Promenade**. After a mile the road swings inland and gradually **climbs up the cliff**.

Turn right at the **T-junction beside the Grand Island Hotel**. Follow the **A10 to Bride**, about 4 miles. Go straight on through the

small **village of Bride**. At the mini-roundabout you have the option to ride to the **Point of Ayre**, the most northerly point on Mann, (Route 5A). The road from **Bride to the Point of Ayre** carries heavy wagons to the tip site and gravel pits.

Whether you take the **Point of Ayre** option or not you continue on the A10 to **The Lhen**. The road heads in a westerly direction. Follow this for 4 miles and turn left into the **Leodest Road to Andreas** (2 miles). Turn left at the T-junction and right at Y-junction in the centre of the village. Turn right at the T-junction past the church. Turn right after 1/4 mile into **Bayr ny Harrey** – Manx for Road to the Ayres and follow this **quiet country lane** for 2 miles. Turn left at the **crossroads** and after 1/2 mile turn left at the T-junction. Remain on this road for 1 mile until you reach the **village of St Judes**. Turn left at the crossroads in St Judes and passing **St Judes Church** follow this pleasant road for 5 miles **back into Ramsey**. Turn right at the T-junction into **Bowring Road** and cross the bridge into the centre of Ramsey. Carry straight on at the two mini-roundabouts and then take the left turn signposted A2 Laxey and Douglas **back to the MER Station**.